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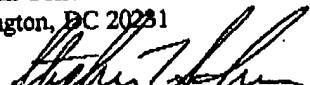
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Hodson, et al., U.S. Patent )  
Application for Scored Package and a )  
Method of Making the Same )  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-30, without prejudice.

Please add claims 31-69 as follows:

31. (New) A flexible thermoplastic polymeric film comprising:

a plurality of layers;

a surface of said flexible film comprising a coordinate system having a machine direction and a transverse direction perpendicular to said machine direction; and

a first laser-scored pattern on the surface of the flexible film wherein said first laser-scored pattern is disposed in both the machine direction and the transverse direction of the surface of the flexible film wherein said first laser-scored pattern forms a first line of weakness in said flexible film.

32. (New) The flexible film of claim 31 further comprising:

a first layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyvinylidene chloride-coated polyethylene terephthalate, biaxially oriented